

Streamlined Medical Corps 170 Years Old Today

Now a world-girdling organization credited with unparalleled achievements, the Army Medical Department began its existence through the action of the Continental Congress in 1775 during the days of the Thirteen Colonies.

The Medical Department has grown since then to a personnel strength today of over 600,000 and has achieved phenomenal results from the standpoint of scientific advances attained and also in the health of the American Army.

In appraising the work of the Medical Department, Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson recently cited figures in support of this statement. Nearly 97 out of every 100 soldiers who reach a hospital are saved in this war. Seventy out of every 100 wounded overseas have been returned to duty and nearly 27 per cent have been evacuated to this country.

During the past three years, the Medical Department has maintained a record of less than one death from disease per 1,000 men a year. During World War I, 19 out of every 1,000 men died each year from disease; in the Spanish-American War

we lost 26 out of every 1,000 per year, and in the Civil War 65 out of every 1,000 men died each year from disease.

DISEASE TAKES 12,000

In all, during this war 12,000 men died from disease from December 7, 1941, to May 1, 1945. In World War I, 62,670 men died from disease; in the Spanish-American War 3,500 died from disease, and in the Civil War on both sides 336,216 men died from disease.

Major-General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon-General of the Army, paid high tribute to the untiring devotion and loyal support of the doctors, dentists, nurses and other members of the Medical Department whose efforts have made possible new records established in this war.

War-pressured experimentation and development have produced notable scientific results in which Army doctors have played an important role, according to General Kirk. Medical sciences advance 15 years for every three years of war, the General estimates.

Immense progress has been made in the use of the sulfa drugs, peni-

cillin and blood plasma in this war. Atabrine which was developed as a substitute for quinine in the fight against malaria is regarded as of superior value. DDT, which has been developed in this war, has been a big factor in the battle against insect-borne diseases.

ADVANCES IN NEUROSURGERY

Army surgeons have made striking use of the metal tantalum in cases of injury to the skull, and the repair of severed nerves. Methods developed in Army hospitals in the care and rehabilitation of patients with paralysis resulting from injury to the spine should revolutionize the therapy for this tragic ailment. Other innovations offer promise to victims of paralysis formerly considered hopelessly bedridden.

Impressive gains have been made in the use of blood plasma when it is broken into its various constituents. Gamma globulin, a protein taken from blood plasma, has been developed to control measles. Transfusions of red corpuscles are used in treatment of anemia. Fibrin film, also from plasma, is used successfully in brain operations, fibrin's foam is used as a blood-clotter, par-

ticularly in delicate nerve surgery, and fibrin is also used as a glue in skin grafting.

Army surgeons have made decided advances in thoracic or chest surgery. Refinements and developments of techniques in neuropsychiatry have resulted in returning a far greater percentage of operational fatigue cases to duty than in the last war.

PLASTICS FOR EYES

Highly important work is being accomplished in plastic surgery, a field in which the Dental Corps plays a significant role, such as in the manufacture of acrylic eyes.

One of the big advantages the civilian population will get from the war is the better control of tropical diseases because the Army doctor of today has a new concept of the treatment of these diseases. With the tropics no more than 24 hours away by air travel, the treatment of tropical diseases will greatly increase in this country and the experience of the Army doctor in this branch of medicine will stand him in good stead, according to General Kirk.

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THE SURGEON-GENERAL— Maj.-Gen. Walter Kirk, from a portrait painted recently by Sgt. Edward T. Paier, Post artist. The portrait now hangs in the lobby of the Administration Building.

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Year's Growth Throws Beacon on Future Course as McGuire Marks 1st Birthday

Falling within two days of the 170th anniversary of its parent—the Army Medical Department—the first birthday of McGuire General Hospital as a center for treating overseas wounded soldiers is celebrated Sunday.

The occasion will be marked by a dance tonight for enlisted personnel, patients and guests of both.

McGuire's 72 buildings, spread over 142 acres, opened their doors last July 29 as a debarkation hospital receiving overseas patients, chiefly from Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation. Today, with McGuire converted to one of the army's largest amputee and neuro-surgery centers, more than 3,000 soldier-patients appear on hospital rolls. Of this number some 1,400 are home on convalescent furloughs, already recovered to the point where the army believes that normal activity at home will do most to bring about maximum recovery of their wounds.

In its first year of refitting wounded fighting men for civilian life, McGuire, under the command of Colonel P. E. Duggins, has seen well over 10,000 patients enter its receiving station. Present bed capacity of the hospital now stands at 2,885, according to fig-

ures released by Major F. R. Acosta, registrar.

MONTHS OF PREPARATION

Neither Rome nor McGuire were built in a day. Just as hundreds of individual bricks were placed one upon the other to shape its modern buildings, McGuire was an institution serving war wounded was built by countless events, large and small, to mold its organization of healing.

Months of preparation and "dry runs" early last year led to the efficiently-handled maiden arrival on July 29 of 105 patients by train a few hours after 17 wounded GI's debarked from a giant hospital plane at the Richmond Army Air Base. The first shipment was fol-

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Carillon Season Opens Tuesday

Patients and detachment members have been invited by the City Recreation Department to attend weekly carillon concerts and community sings to be held on four successive Tuesday beginning next week. Concerts will last from 8:30 to 9:30 P. M.

Transportation will be provided for concerts at 7:30 p. m. at the Red Cross for those signing up in advance.



McGUIRE'S FIRST TENANTS debark from a huge hospital plane at Richmond Army Air Base last July 29. Pvt James Martin (foreground, arm in sling) is still a patient here, the only McGuire charter member who has not taken off for other points.

Army Authorizes One 'Temporary Duty' Trip Home for Every Overseas Patient

Uncle Sam will foot the bill on a trip home for every patient returning from overseas, according to a directive issued this week by the War Department.

Patients will go home on tempo-

rary duty status with the army treating to rail fare and meals en route, the memorandum provides. Officers will receive seven dollars per diem above rail fare for their time traveling.

Medical Badge Holders Win \$10 Boost

The doggie with the Red Cross armband—the front-line medic—this week was elevated in the eyes of his government and size of his payroll, when President Truman signed into law a bill to increase by \$10 the monthly pay of holders of the Medical Badge.

The new law places the "walking medic" on fully equivalent status with his Combat Infantry Badge comrade, with whom he shares the hazards of combat.

Pay becomes effective August 1. Also approved by the President was a badge to commemorate service in World War II.

Outdoor Hop Held Tonight For Birthday

In celebration of McGuire's first birthday as well as the 170th anniversary of the founding of the Army Medical Department, McGuire enlisted personnel and patients will be treated tonight to a gala outdoor dance, the first to take place on the hospital's new tennis courts. The program was prepared by the Special Services Office.

While McGuire's dance band tunes up to the favorite in dance music, refreshments and beer will be served all comers to provide a cooling touch to the moonlight hop.

In case of rain, the affair will move to the gym.

Lending a touch of sparkling gaiety to the dance, colorful decorations have been set up on the tennis courts, and to add to the color, souvenir hats will be given all guests. The birthday party will be run cabaret style, tables to encircle the dance floor, for sipping of drinks and general chatter.

The evening's program also features an informal floor show, with patients and band members participating.

"Happy Daze" Here for Weekend

Young and beautiful is the cast of "Happy Daze," a new all-girl variety show packaged by USO-Camp shows. The troupe, complete with singers, dancers, instrumentalists and comedienne will play the Red Cross for patients Saturday, 7 p. m. Personnel may applaud the presentation Monday at the post theater, 8:15 p. m.



THE COMMANDING OFFICER—Colonel P. E. Duggins, speaking at McGuire dedication ceremonies last January.

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McGuire Commemorates First Arrival of Patients

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lowed rapid-fire by other rail and air arrivals so that on August 10 McGuire housed 900 vets.

Within two weeks after McGuire was born, the first contingent of WAC personnel arrived, a well-stocked library opened to the public, and latest films began showing at the post theater.

Frequent arrivals of smiling patients marked the ensuing months. Long lines of veterans waiting for overseas pay, often within 24 hours after arrival, became a familiar sight in hospital corridors. Usually patients shipped to specializing hospitals nearer their homes within three days after checking in at McGuire.

On December 5, the hospital's complexion began to change. The Surgeon-General directed that 765 beds be earmarked for definitive treatment in orthopedic surgery for patients living in this area. One thousand beds remained for evacuees. With the directive came authorization for converting ground floors of VA buildings to wards, enabling the hospital to accommodate 300 new patients. When completed, the conversion meant a bed capacity increased to 2,065.

A fundamental change in McGuire's type of service in the Medical Corps' network of hospitals was made known on January 23. On that day, the hospital was officially dedicated and its buildings turned over to the Medical Department by the Corps of Engineers. During the ceremony Brig.-Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, Assistant Surgeon-General,

announced that McGuire would become a center for neuro-surgery and amputee treatment. The new designation signified an end to evacuation functions.

McGuire's growth was climaxed on February 1, with authorization from the War Department for 2,565 beds, making it the largest named medical installation in the Third Service Command. Enlisted men's barracks were ordered converted to wards, and new barracks authorized for construction.

PX DEBT ERASED

New bricks added to the already firm foundation of McGuire as a great medical center in subsequent weeks included payment of \$4,000 early in February to the Army Exchange Service to write off the books the cost of McGuire's Post Exchange three months ahead of schedule, breaking of ground for new enlisted men's and Wacs' barracks the week of February 22, and arrival of McGuire's first group of cadet nurses—59 in all—the week of March 1.

Late in March, construction began on what was to be the army's largest orthopedic appliance shop. First week in June, Pvt. William Kilbride became the first patient to be fitted here with an artificial limb.

Detachment personnel invaded their new barracks during the week of April 26. On June 29, McGuire Wacs, a growing contingent, prepared for transfer to the 37th WAC Hospital Company, newly activated to serve McGuire.



Once upon a time, for that's how all good stories begin, this post was somewhat different than it is today. You can hear old-timers on the post say, "those were the days," but do you know exactly what they were talking about? Was this a paradise? Well, we'll let you judge.

We used to have noontime dances. Yes, that's what we said. Eddie's steady petties would open the valves for a full hour and pardon the French, the joint would jump. Bertolotti, Bob Jones, Pete Anania, to mention only a few, were known to skip chow so as not to miss a B flat or F sharp. The more bashful personnel would stand by watching and wiggling their toes, usually the toes on the right foot.

And the barracks of old had hard wood floors, instead of the present cement surfaces. Steam heat. But no curtains.

Believe it or not there was a time, not so long ago, when a Tec 5 was just another grade and there weren't many of them. Now, of course, the two stripes and T are practically in Esquire. Stunning, too, don't you think?

Then "way back when," a member of the Womens Army Corps was in the minority at McGuire. When

one passed you in the hall, you probably thought to yourself—there goes a Wac! Now the enlisted men are the scarce articles. In fact the Wacs now comment—"There goes a soldier!"

The chaps who work on the wards were not always so rushed. Time was, when they could jot off a letter sometime during the day. This was done in the strictest secrecy of course and practically all the rules of camouflage were used. Now these men hardly have time to sneeze.

Now here's one you don't believe. Six months ago you could stroll into the PX, slap a nickel on the marble and get a coke pronto. Now, of course, you are lucky if there are only twenty-three people ahead of you. Really, though, it was possible to pause and refresh, now you've got to be on detached service there to satisfy the inner self.

And the sun would shine at least once every four days, but now that's rationed, too.

A whimsical bugler named Joe Who thought it was funny to blow His horn at eleven Is now up in heaven Which ain't where they told him to go!

T-Shirts Bustin' Out All Over

By MARY BELL

WHAT IS SO RARE AS A DAY IN JULY, 1945, when men can buy T-Shirts with maroon-colored lettering (60 cents) . . . That day is coming . . . One hundred dozen shirts expected before this month's gone by.

HAVE-A-HEART Necklaces, Bracelets, and Earrings—sterling silver—are in regular PX stock now . . . Prices: Necklaces,6.00; Bracelets, \$3.25; Earrings, 75 cents.

THE PICTURE FRAME FAMILY has grown since frames were last mentioned in this column. Many a different kind you'll see and also quite a variance in price—\$1.10 to \$4.45 . . . The \$5.50 Makeup Case with full mirror inside top is a handy possession for the gals . . . Much-sought Nail Clips may be bought for \$2.25 . . . Another unusual item for these times is the 3-blade pocketknife priced at 35 cents . . . And you don't actually have to be a "tourist," you know, to own the convenient Tourist Bag Tags (9 cents each).

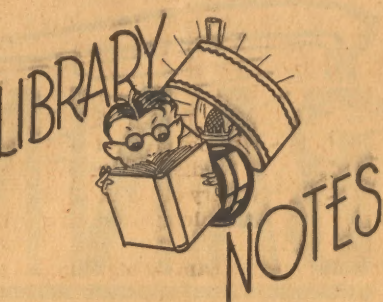
SURPRISE SPECIAL of the week: A few more of the 96-cents-a-dozen men's white handkerchiefs are available. Procuring them for retail use is a major feat . . . Hope you get your share.

REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE A YOUNGSTER the magic a kaleidoscope held for you? . . . You may have a kiddie in mind today who would be equally as fascinated with a Camera Scope now sold in the PX for \$1.00 . . .

VERBAL BOUQUETS have literally showered PX doors in its active life of one year . . . And little wonder, I thought, during this week's PX meanderings, when there at my very nose-tip I sniffed the "Quintessence" of Herb Farm Shop creations—the five-in-a-box set—cunning small bottles, each with its own fragrance (\$1.00 a set) . . . Among other Herb Farm Shop Toiletries made in America from old English formulas, you'll find Royal Purple Toilet Water, \$1.90; Flower Sachet, 80 cents; and for the complexion—no, not buttermilk—but Lettuce Leaf Complexion Soap (with cleaning mit), 45 cents.

EXPECTED SOON: Men's Dress and Waterproof Watches (\$27.50 and up) . . . Ladies Dress Watches (\$24.50 to \$50.00) . . . By chance, these may be placed on sale today: Men's and Ladies' Novelty Sport Watches (\$22.50 and up) . . .

ALREADY HERE: Men's short, ribbed SOCKS—khaki, elastic top—42 cents.



For midsummer reading our thoughts naturally turn to light reading for a tonic and relaxation. If you've been studying hard or reading too many serious books lately, just relax for a change and read a really funny book.

A book which successfully falls into this category is "Artie Green-groin, Pfc," by Harry Brown. Artie is a ridiculous character who has an amazing number of adventures while stationed in the British Isles. From the first page when Artie is found in Piccadilly Circus, "leaning casually against an old subaltern, reading a copy of the Sketch," up until his final adventure, the book is a scream and can guarantee any number of laughs. Be sure to meet Artie—a worthy rival of the Sad Sack.

"Chucklebait," edited by Margaret Scoggin, is another book which is good for laughter. It is a collection of funny stories, including such priceless laugh-getters as "Boggains in the Bronx," by Arthur Kober, "Mr. K*A*P*L*A*N, the Comparative and the Superlative," by Leonard Q. Ross. "The Rummy Affairs of Old Billy," by P. G. Wodehouse, and many other hilarious stories.

Karl Eskelund's account of his international marriage, "My Chinese Wife," is a delightful book for a lighter mood in reading. If you have a jaded appetite and are looking for something different, try this spicy combination of international romance, travel and humor.

An excellent book of cartoons is "My Best Girls," by Helen Hokinson. It is a collection of her inimitable drawings which have so often enlivened the pages of "The New Yorker."

Additional copies of two incomparable books, "Barefoot Boy With Cheek," by Max Shulman and "Virgin With Butterflies," by Tom Powers have been received at the Library; so, if you have missed laughing over these books, be sure to get a copy now.

Perhaps you'd like to read a book about the men who make you laugh. If so, you'll enjoy "Comics and Their Creators; Life Stories of American Cartoonists," by Martin Sheridan. It is most readable and interesting and is lavishly illustrated.

The above list should provide a diet full of laughs guaranteed to entertain you and to overcome midsummer monotony.

Center Number 2 Initial Dance

'Over With a Bang'

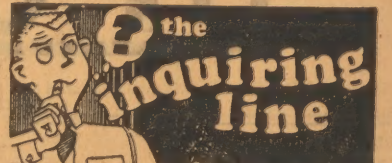
A crowd of approximately 400 attending the first dance held Saturday by Civilian Recreation Center No. 2, today led Mr. James Taylor, president, to dub the dance "a great success."

The affair "went over with a bang," he declared, and he promised that a surprise "big enough to really send you" was in store for those who attend the next hop to be announced shortly in the BANNER.

Saturday night's dance was held at Skateland Arena, with music furnished by Oscar Black's Orchestra.

This Ends Privacy In Your Own Auto

New York (CNS)—The glorious postwar world we've been hearing so much about will be complete with telephone service from your auto to the office, home, or any place else in the world. The American Telephone and Telegraph Co. has a unit to be mounted on the dashboard, which includes phone, receiver, antenna, and 15-watt transmitter. A "central" office would handle calls, the way it handles ordinary traffic. With the system, a business could control its fleet of trucks, or you could call your wife from the midst of a traffic jam and tell her you'll be late for dinner.



By LT. ART LAIBLY

Q. Some infantrymen, who have been wounded in combat while with an infantry unit are now patients in this hospital and haven't received the Combat Infantryman Badge. What must they do to get this award?

A. The infantry unit to which these men were assigned must put out the order awarding them the Combat Infantryman Badge. This may not have been done before the men were wounded. If this is the case, the patient should so indicate on the form he receives when he comes into the hospital, and the hospital will write to the man's former unit requesting the necessary orders. All such men will receive the Badge, and the back pay due them for this award.

Retirement Pay

Q. If an officer is awarded retirement pay when he is retired from active service, is he still eligible for "mustering out" pay?

A. No.

Q. Since the month I was wounded, my wife has not received the monthly War Bond I have allotted to her. Was my bond allotment cancelled at that time?

A. No. As soon as you are paid in full on a regular payroll, your wife will receive all of the bonds which were due since the date you were last paid in full. Your bonds are issued only after you sign a regular payroll, but not when you receive partial pay.

(For more information see Lt. Art Laibly, AGF Liaison Officer, A & D Building, or call Ext. 259.)

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass8:30, 11 a.m.

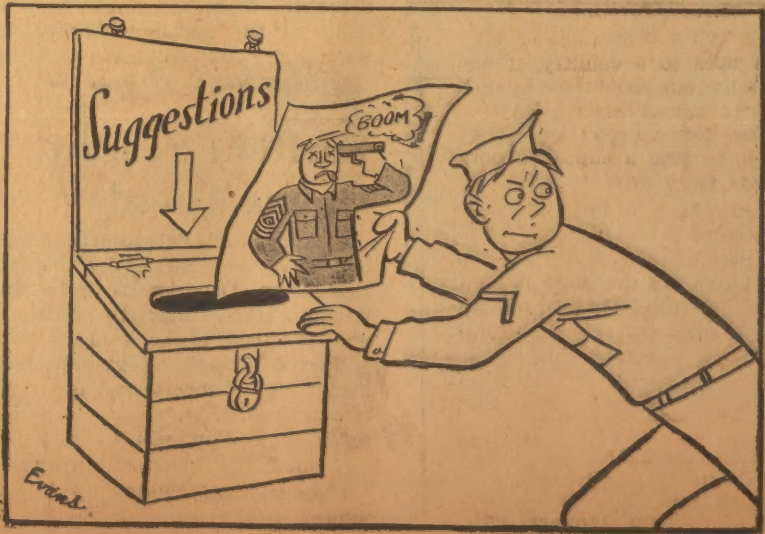
Daily Mass5 p.m.

Confessions.....Saturday, 6:30-8 p.m.

And daily before mass.

JEWISH

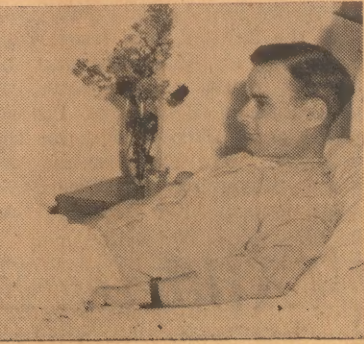
Friday Services.....6:45 p.m.



Strength Where There Was None Before



RECONDITIONING DID IT for Sgt. Andrew Nelson, according to his own words. Here he is seen with Sgt. Ray Treon, of Reconditioning Service, going through his daily exercises which enabled him to leave McGuire without even the aid of a cane.



Strong Legs Built Up by Wearing Down Weak Ones

Literally, Sergeant Andrew Nelson of White Hall, Md., didn't have a leg to stand on when he arrived at McGuire last fall. Now he's walking with a cane and on the two legs with which he was born.

Nelson was wounded by shrapnel while fighting with the Fourth (Ivy) Division near Cherbourg, France, last June, the steel tearing into his thighs leaving practically no muscle in the region directly above both knees. His legs were useless, lifeless.

Surgeons closed the wounded and made a skin graft. Then, with the wounds healed successfully, physical reconditioning became a major part of his treatment.

MUSCLES TORN AWAY

The shrapnel had left almost no muscle tissue above his knees in both legs, but there still were good tendons and blood vessels. Utilizing these as a basis of regrowth, special exercises were developed designed to tire the remaining muscles in the theory that under scientific tiring they would tend to recuperate through growth.

The exercises, performed while Nelson still was unable to walk and lay flat on his back in bed, worked. In weeks his legs were strong enough to bear his weight. When the reconditioning began, his thighs were as thin as a man's ankles. Today they have returned to normal size and he's gained about 40 pounds.

WILLING TO TRY

Nelson, who recently received his discharge, said when looking back at his recovery, "It was tough go-

ing those first nine weeks, making myself move those legs. But everybody seemed so confident that I would regain the use of them again that I was willing to try anything.

"I'm sure glad," he continued, "that I did as I was told. Why, I never even used a pair of crutches. Went right from bed to a wheelchair, then to a single cane, and now I walk around by myself."

Home again and well, Nelson is now matriculating in law school.

John Badey On Furlough --With 2 Legs

There were times while Pfc. John W. Badey lay in pain in a French field hospital that he begged doctors to remove his left leg, it hurt so much. This week, he boarded a bus for Richmond, en route home on furlough—walking on two of his own legs and glad of it.

It isn't often that a man is willing to wish he'd lose his leg. Perhaps a few historical facts on John Badey justifies his case.

His outfit, the 345th Infantry, 87th Division, had just crossed the Rhine and were scrambling up a hill when a shell burst ripped through his abdomen and badly damaged his leg muscles, nerves and blood vessels. Later at an aid station he was given first aid and blood plasma. In a field hospital he received 8 million units of penicillin and five quarts of whole blood. Gangrene developed in the left leg, resulting in seven or eight operations. That's when he wished he lost the limb, but doctors told him that an American soldier never loses an arm or leg till every other method is tried. He went along, and now he's glad of it.

Reconditioning became a big thing

IN CONNECTION with the anniversaries of McGuire and the Medical Corps, the BANNER presents on this page the stories of two patients which the staff believes are typical of medical progress achieved in the army as reflected in the treatment of every wounded fighting man.



TAKING OFF for home is Pvt. John Badey who "never thought he would ever walk again."

in Badey's life once he reached McGuire. Yes, this week Pfc. John Badey went home on furlough.

Driving Course for Amputees Gets Under Way with Five New Vehicles

Four brand new Ford staff cars and a shiny new Oldsmobile have arrived at McGuire to provide the go-ahead on an extensive retraining program for amputee drivers.

The course, under the direction of Cpl. Frank S. Rowley of Reconditioning Service, will qualify amputees for Virginia driving licenses in less than two weeks of instruction at one hour per day.

The Fords are standard 1942 models, the only added feature being dual control for the instructor on brake and clutch.

96 STUDENTS WEEKLY

With the four staff cars in steady operation, it is planned to teach 96 patients per week. Red Cross Motor Corps volunteers will aid in instruction, joined by qualified patients who have completed the course.

Cpl. Rowley expressed belief that a graduate of the course will be qualified for a license in any State, and steps are now being taken, he said, to obtain official recognition from other States.

The staff cars were donated to the hospital by the Ford Motor Company, while the Oldsmobile was loaned by General Motors.

The Oldsmobile, specially designed for leg amputees without prostheses, is equipped with throttle for right and left foot as well as a hand throttle and hand power brake. The steering wheel has a knob fashioned for easier handling with hand prosthesis.



—Photos by Pfc. Charles Smith.

THIS IS IT—Taking his final test for a drivers' license—he breezed through it—is Pfc. Donaldson Woody, Ward 48, in one of the hospital's four new staff cars for retraining of amputees. Cpl. Frank Rowley, instructor, lends a watchful eye.

Portion of Telephone Fund May Pay for Tree Project

Because some \$13,000 remaining in the McGuire telephone fund is more than is needed under present conditions, the Richmond News-Leader has announced it will poll fund donors on whether they wish \$5,000 of the amount transferred to the hospital's tree-planting project.

The telephone fund was created during a drive by the News-Leader in 1944 for contributions from its readers. McGuire was a debarkation hospital at that time and all incoming patients received a free phone call home upon their arrival. While new patients still get a free call, the influx is considerably smaller now, and it is believed by the News-Leader management that the \$8,000 remaining, if \$5,000 is transferred, will be sufficient to care for needs of the fund.

No War Department funds, it will be explained to readers, are available at present for planting shade

trees at the hospital, although the government has landscaped the grounds with shrubs.

Army Authorizes One 'TD' Trip

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patient. "TD" trips, however, do not bar patients from future visits home on regular furlough status, and men who already have taken furloughs are eligible still for one "TD" ride.

Travel to and from place of temporary duty is authorized on "patient status," exempting patients from sleeping car restrictions recently imposed on military travel.

While per diem pay for officers and meal tickets for GI's cover only the period of travel, enlisted men will be reimbursed for meals, upon their return to McGuire, at standard furlough ration rates.

It's Fashionable To Have Been Born

It seems to be Birthday Week in the United States Army.

Joining medics in their 170th anniversary today are personnel of the Chaplains Corps and Judge Advocate General's Department. All were activated on the same day.

Next Wednesday, August 1, is the 38th anniversary of the Army Air Forces. Where were they when Washington crossed the Delaware?

Enlisted Men May Enter Reserve At Discharge Rank

Washington (CNS)—All EM, at the time of discharge, except those currently enlisted in the National Guard, those not qualified for general or limited service, and those who have not been separated for unsatisfactory service, will be offered enlistment in the Enlisted Reserve Corps in the grade held at the time of discharge, says the WD. They may select any appropriate arm of service in which they served while on active duty.

EM who have already been discharged and who meet the requirements may join the ERC at any recruiting station, or by writing directly to the Adjutant General.

Officers in the AUS, with certain exceptions, are eligible for reserve appointments for an initial period of five years. These provisions do not apply to female personnel, warrant officers, or flight officers.

Portal to Portal Overseas Credit

Overseas service begins the day a soldier leaves the port of embarkation and ends the day he returns to a port in this country, the War Department explained in listing its rules for overseas credit last week.

Credit will be given for any service outside the 48 states and the district of Columbia, except in the case of a soldier from a territory or possession who is serving in his home area. Soldiers from territories or possessions, will, however, receive overseas credit for service in the United States.

All credits are computed from September 16, 1940, and 15 days or more of any month will count as a full month.

Bars and Stripes

TO CAPTAIN

1st Lt. Donald H. Baxter.

TO 1ST LIEUTENANT

2d Lt. Zack B. Stone, Jr.

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt. Thelma M. Diven.

Sgt. Thelma G. Tipton.

TO TECHNICIAN 3RD GRADE

Sgt. Grace J. Kelly.

TO SERGEANT

Cpl. Martha Cline.

T/5 Harriett J. Egan.

Cpl. Leola N. King.

TO TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADE

T/5 Cecelia M. Gaudet.

T/5 Barbara A. Allison.

T/5 Eleanor M. Chesley.

Cpl. Elizabeth Craig.

TO TECHNICIAN 5TH GRADE

Pfcs. Helen F. Beverly, Laura C.

Campbell, Lucille S. Claymore,

Mildred L. Diamond, Mary E.

Dietz, Effie J. Fullard, Ann D.

Gocella, Marilyn W. Kalkut, Mary

J. Krakofsky, Martha L. Krieb-

baum, Jane L. Lewis, Erma B.

Luck, Gladys M. Mellor, Annice

C. Miller, Evelyn Mases, Elsie R.

Rodgers, Helen E. Wade, Gloria

C. Wright; Pvts. Eleanor C. Ald-

righ, Doris S. Anderson, Callie M.

Bonham, Pauline Changes, Mabel

E. Denton, Christine M. Dudley,

Georgia C. Fischer, Myrlie Fraley,

Marian C. Heidinger, Vera C.

Kemper, Jeanne M. Morrison,

Mary M. Reichert, Helen L. Ris-

ser, Addie R. Sebree.

I drink to you when together,
I drink to you when alone,
I drink to your health so often
I'm rapidly losing my own.

Egg in Your Beer? Not in China

(ACS)—A buck private's \$50 a month would amount to \$362.50 in Chinese money. But before you ask your CO for a transfer so you can get your hands on that kind of dough, remember that if you bought



a dozen eggs you'd have exactly \$2.50 left in your jeans, for eggs cost \$30 each in China.

To give you another idea of what inflation does to a country, if you wanted a haircut you'd have to shell out \$300; a box of matches, \$30; a newspaper, \$40 a copy; ice cream, from \$150 to \$220 a cup; and pork and beef, from \$400 to \$500 per catty, equivalent to one and one-third pounds.

For a pair of shoes the bill would come to \$10,000, or the same amount of dough the Brooklyn Dodgers got when the club sold Pitcher Whit Wyatt to the Phillies.

Sgt. (to PX barber): "Do you have another razor?"
Barber: "Yeah, why?"
Sgt.: "I'd like to defend myself."



Who's in Charge Here?

One would wonder from the results so far of Educational Reconditioning's weekly "Win-a-Bond" quiz whether the army's "ruling class" and "working class"—as Bill Mauldin once put it—are in proper relation to each other.

For, in McGuire at least, the brains seem to be concentrated in the one-strippers and the no-strippers-at-all. This week again, the winner of the weekly I. Q. is a private first class, and no one above that exalted grade has ever topped him.

So Pfc. Jack B. Thomas, Ward 14, trots off with a \$7.50 War Bond, his lone stripe, and the satisfaction of knowing he's in distinguished, albeit unpromoted company. Second prizes, a carton of cigarettes each, went to Pfc. James Kane, Ward 16, and Sgt. Harry W. (What's He Doing Here?) Chenoweth, Ward 24.

And this is to remind all concerned that all patients, including the ambulatory variety, are now eligible to enter the quiz.

Suggestion on Receipts for Ward Records Earns \$15

Three cash awards to McGuire civilians for suggestions on improving hospital methods were announced this week by William C. Eubank, newly appointed suggestion committee chairman, including one of \$15 to a civilian nurse.

The nurse, Miss Mary H. Brasington, won her prize for proposing a system, since put into practice, of receipts in every ward for records which leave the ward for

extended period of time. Otherwise, the ringing phone should be answered.

A third award was made to George T. League, employee relations director, for suggesting that stamp pads be turned face down at the end of a business day, resulting in ink moving to the surface for better use next day. While Mr. League's idea was not one which could be enforced, \$5 was awarded in recognition of its value as a helpful hint to clerical employees.

Just Couldn't Wait For His First Kiss

BOSTON (CNS) — When Wacs aboard a welcoming tug shouted to an incoming transport, "Come on over and get a kiss," S-Sgt. Tommy Carpenter lost no time. He slid down a hawser, swam through the churning water, and reached the arms of Pvt. Mary Delage. Mary made good, and so did all the other girls. The papers did not report the official Army reaction to all this.

Fast-Stepping Camp Lee Fights Draw 1000 Fans

Upwards of 1,000 McGuire fans witnessed six fast fights at the Post gym Tuesday night. The fighters, all members of the 1st Training group at Camp Lee, volunteered to put on the show for the patients.

In the main event Don Ellis, ex-pro from Washington, D. C., put on a dazzling display of footwork and jabbing to win a clear-cut decision over Alex Rogers of Newark, N. J.

In the semi-final, Johnny Evans of Newark won a split decision over Leon Proctor of Washington. Both judges voted for Evans but the referee gave the nod to Proctor.

Other results saw Norman Gibson win an easy decision over Ray Bundy. Gibson knocked Bundy down for a count of four in the second round. The only bout that did not go the distance saw Buddy Johnston of Baltimore TKO John Harris in one minute of the first round. In a very close bout James Rivers won over Marshall Ballard in the 135-lb division. Again both judges gave the verdict to Rivers,

with Referee Allen casting his vote for Ballard. The decision was met with mixed cries of boos and cheers. In the opener, Tommy King won an easy decision from Eugene Johnson. Both boys weighed 125 pounds.

Identification bracelets were given to all the fighters; and travel bags were given to the referee and the seconds. Prizes were donated by the Richmond Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Judges for the fights were Pvt. Ed Watkins and T/Sgt. Marawski. Referee was M/Sgt. Russell Allen of Camp Lee.

McGuirettes Shut Out, 5-0, By Loop Pacers

A four-run barrage in the third inning engineered by Dixie Softball League-leading Bams overwhelmed the McGuirettes Wednesday night, while Bams Pitcher Ford held the "Ettes scoreless in a 5-0 game at Byrd Park.

Bams garnered six hits and five passes off Frith and her sixth inning successor, Redden, to chalk up the third frame rally and top it off with a counter in the 5th, while McGuire vainly attempted to combine any of seven hits for a run.

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McGuire	000	000	0-0

GI Athletes Earning Keep In Professional Sports

By SGT. AL RINALDI
Patient, Ward 14

A question of foremost interest to soldiers who were athletes before entering the army is, "Will we be able to take up where we left off?" That question is being answered every day by soldiers who have been discharged and are now back playing ball. Let's take baseball as our prime example.

Dave (Boo) Ferrell spent two years in the Army Air Corps before being discharged. He was released from the Army in February, and in April he reported to the Boston Red Sox camp at Pleasantville, N. J. He immediately showed Joe Cronin he had what it takes to become a big league hurler. "Boo" won his first seven starts, four of those wins being shutouts. In addition he led his team in batting for quite some time.

NAVY VET STARS

Al Benton of the Detroit Tigers spent over a year and half in the Navy. Before the war he was the Tigers' ace relief twirler. But this year he was elevated to a starting assignment, and promptly won his first six games before dropping a one run decision. A broken leg put Benton on the shelf for over a month, but on his return he continued his winning ways.

Pessimists will say, "Yes, but those fellows played ball while in the service." Let us take the case of Henry "Hank" Greenberg, former

first sacker of the Detroit Tigers. Hank spent almost four years in the Air Corps, two years overseas, and in all that time he rarely touched a besaball.

Immediately after his discharge he returned to the Tigers, and in his first two games batted out two home runs.

AMPUTEES HIT TOP

There are also returning veterans who are minus a leg or arm, but are still pursuing an athletic career. One is Bert Shepard. Shepard lost a leg while in the service. But his love for baseball did not go with the leg, and he continued to practice with a prosthetic leg. His determination was rewarded. He got a tryout with the Washington Senators, and today he is a member of their pitching staff. Recently he pitched against the Brooklyn Dodgers in a War Bond benefit game, and held the Brooks to one run in four innings.

There are others such as "Peanuts" Lowrey, outfielder of the first-place Chicago Cubs, Phil Marchildon, pitcher with the Philadelphia Athletics, "Red" Ruffing, ace pitcher of the New York Yankees, Al Goin-freddo, sensational rookie outfielder of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and many, many more.

INSPIRATION TO OTHERS

Yes, these returning veterans are showing that an army career does not ruin an athletic career. They are an inspiration for the men still fighting, who someday hope to pursue an athletic career.

Club owners, managers and athletic leaders are sure that the returning GI's will step right in where they left off, and that the years immediately after the war will produce some of the outstanding athletic teams of all time.

Maps for the Asking

Wanna ol' newsmag? They've got a pile of them down at the Reconditioning Office. Lt. Tieszen is going to hold on to them because many show areas where McGuire patients have fought. Anyone who wants to shoot an azimuth on days gone by is welcome to them, he has announced.



another part of the hospital. It is expected that the receipts will eliminate loss of papers due to no record of where they had been sent.

Mrs. Lillian Gregory, telephone operator, was awarded \$5 for a suggestion, later ordered in a memorandum, to cease the practise of personnel asking operators to transfer a call from another phone when it is heard ringing. Personnel were directed to notify the operator if a phone was to be unattended for an



Post Theater

Week of Friday, July 27. Show for patients at 6:15; for duty personnel at 8:15 p. m.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY—"Junior Miss," with Peggy Ann Garner, Allyn Joslyn.

SUNDAY & MONDAY—"Her Highness and the Bellboy," Hedy Lamarr, Robert Walker, June Allyson.

TUESDAY—"Bedside Manner," John Carroll, Ruth Hussey.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"Captain Eddie," Fred MacMurray, Lynn Bari.

FRIDAY—"A Thousand and One Nights," with Cornel Wilde, Evelyn Keyes.

Medical Corps 170 Years Old

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The personnel of the Medical Department is now divided into nine corps. The approximate strength of each follows: Medical, 45,000; Dental, 15,000; Nurse 52,000; Veterinarians, 2,000; Medical Administrative, 18,700; Sanitary, 2,000; Physical Therapy, 1,000; Dietitian, 1,500, and Pharmacy, 61,000. In addition there are approximately 535,000 enlisted medical aid men.

MANIFOLD TASKS DONE

This Medical Department serves as doctor, dentist and nurse to the millions in the service. It inspects between 23,000,000 and 25,000,000 pounds of meat and dairy products daily. It supervises hundreds of Army hospitals in this country and overseas giving care and treatment to thousands of patients. Between

30,000 and 56,000 sick and wounded soldiers have been evacuated from overseas monthly in recent months.

The peak of the Medical Department's activities will not be reached until this fall, General Kirk pointed out. Physical examinations are in progress in the European Theater of Operations for about 3,500,000 to determine their physical status for further duty in combat, limited duty or return to civilian life. These examinations also will screen out soldiers who might bring disease back to this country.

The far-flung and manifold activities of the Army Medical Department also include the Army Institute of Pathology, often referred to as the Army Medical Museum, and the Army Medical Library, each institution surpassing anything of the kind in existence.

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